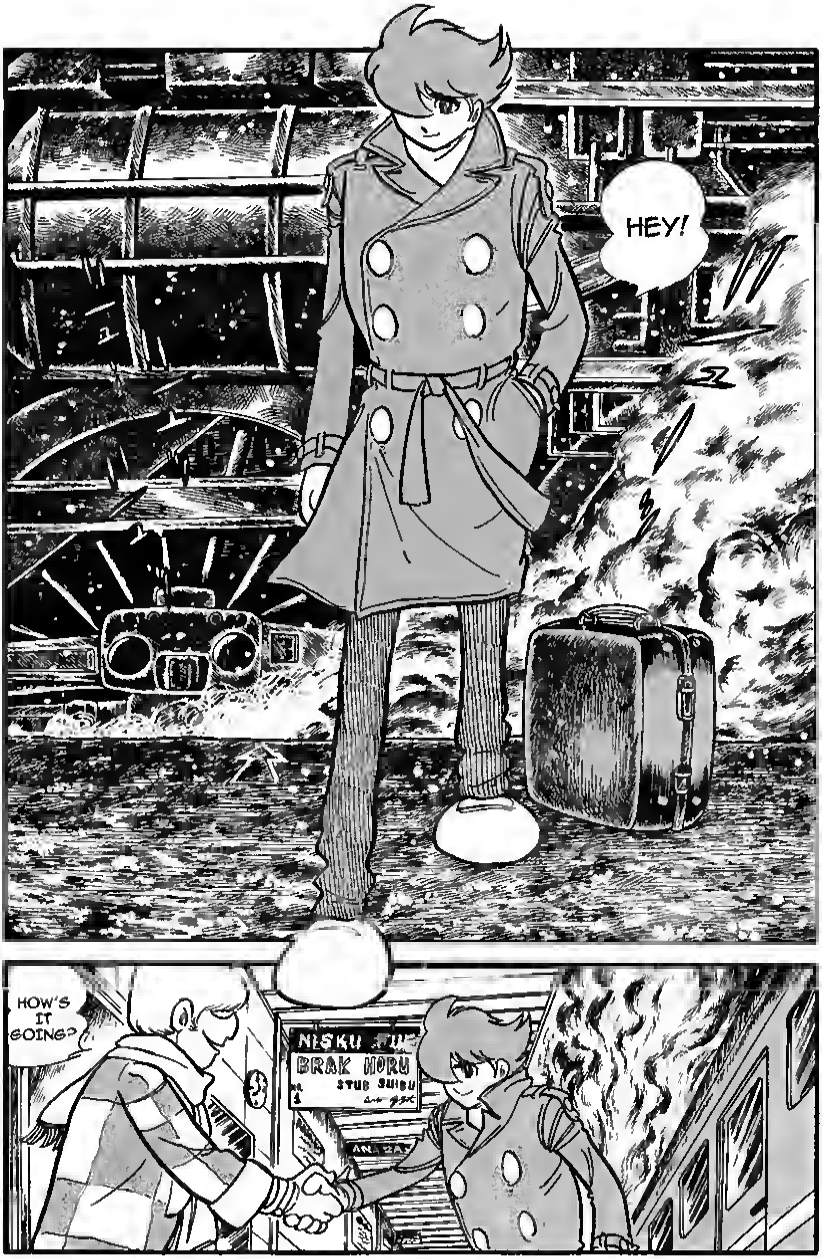
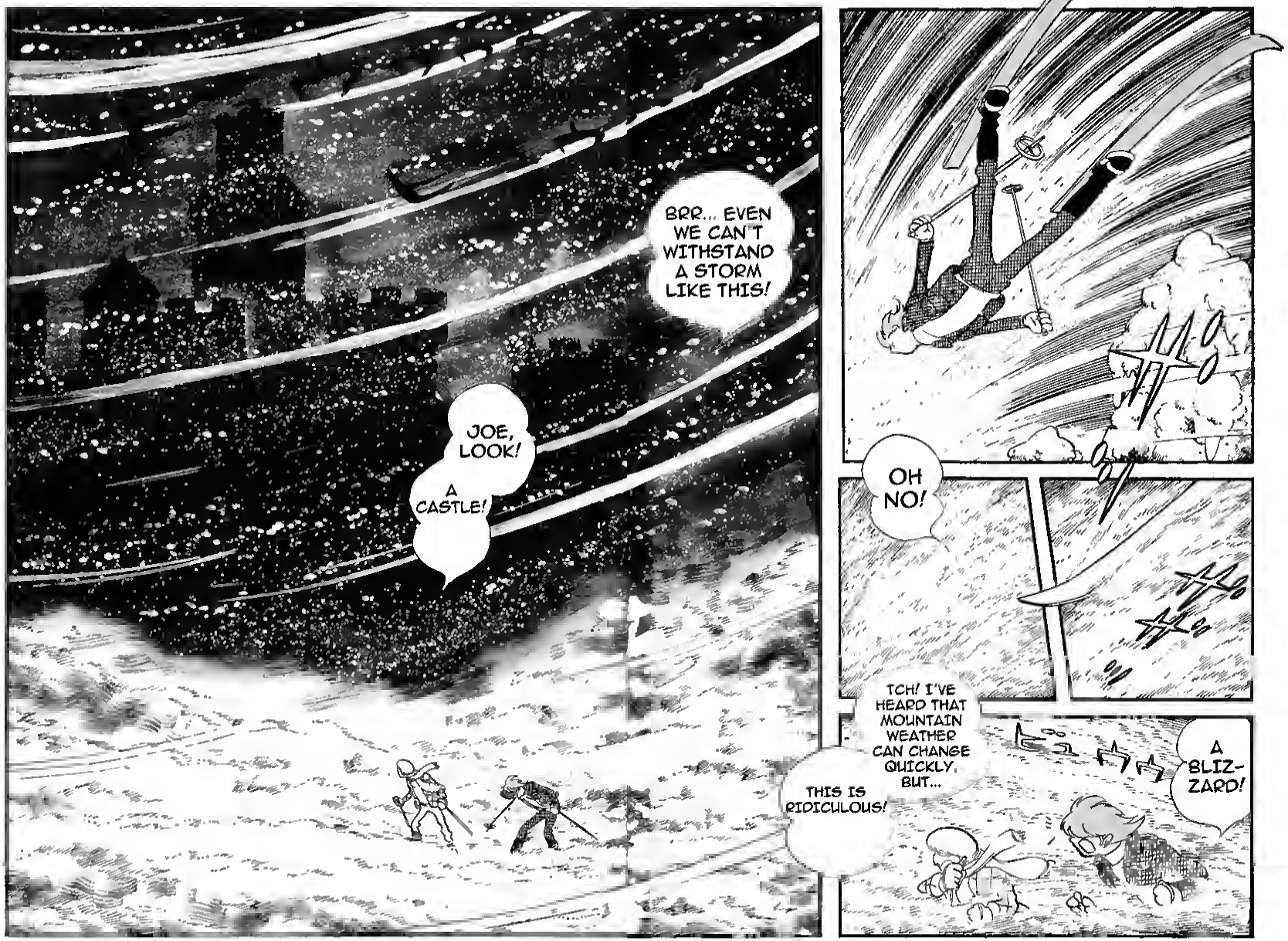

HEY!
HOW'S IT GOING?
BRAK HORU
STUB SUIBU

SNOW CARNIVAL
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?
EVERYONE IS GETTING READY FOR THE SNOW CARNIVAL!
HEH HEH HEH
THE TOWN IS ALL IN A TIZZY PREPARING FOR THE YEARLY FESTIVAL.
AND THAT IS...?
FOR ALL THE EXCITE-MENT.
ALTHOUGH, THERE'S ANOTHER REASON...

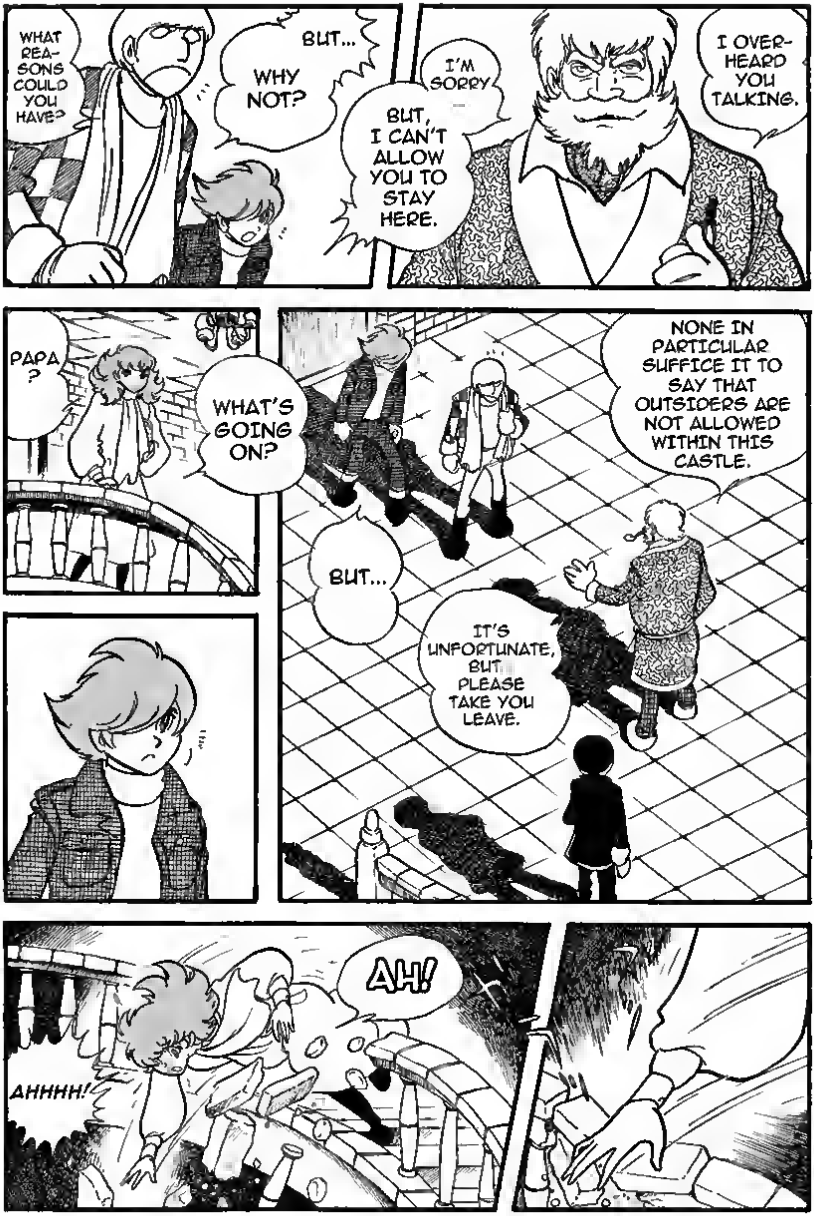
YES, A BLOOD-SUCKING SNOW WITCH!
SHE'S LONG BEEN A FIGURE IN THE TOWN'S OLD LEGENDS
A WITCH ?!
A WITCH COMES AROUND SEARCHING FOR SACRIFICES.
WELL, IT SO HAPPENS THAT EVERY SNOW CARNIVAL...
AND HAS CLAIMED MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE AS HER VICTIMS.
SHE'S COME TO TOWN THESE LAST FEW YEARS...
...BUT APPARENTLY IT'S NO MERE LEGEND! THIS MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT...

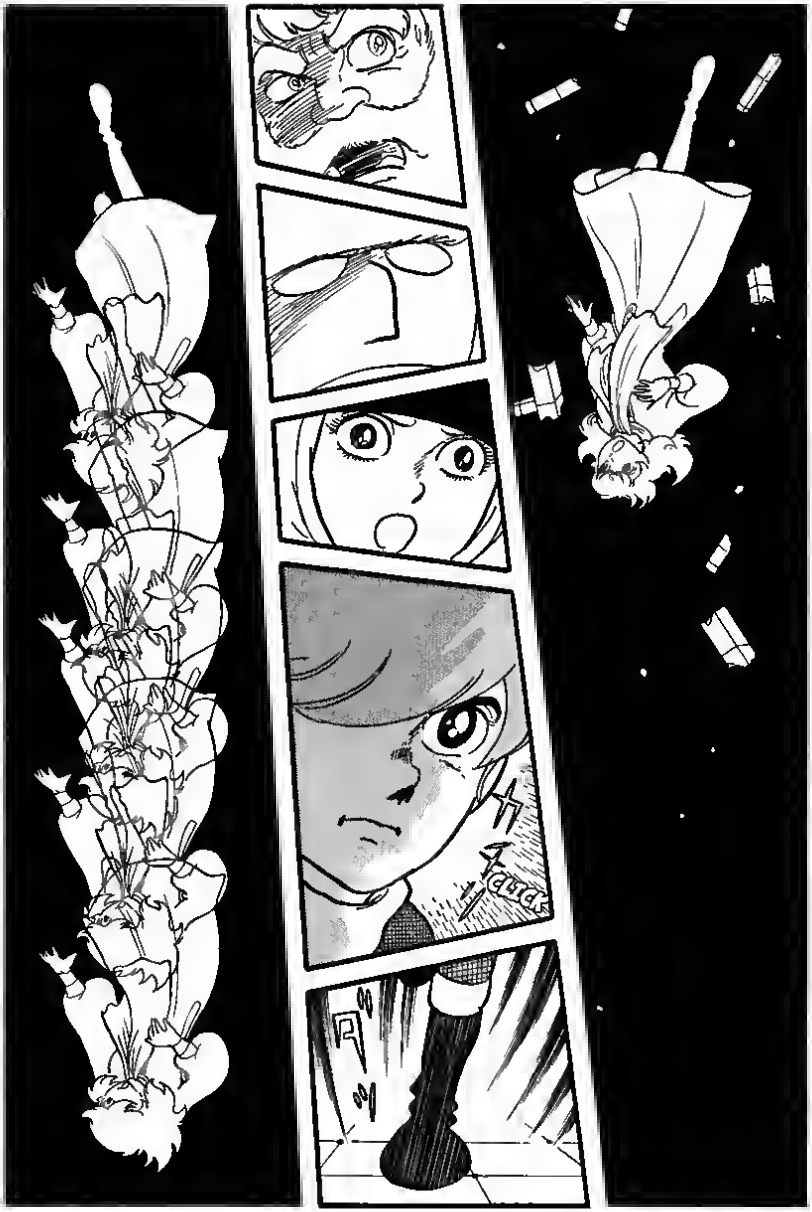
IS FULL OF SUDDEN CLIFFS AND DEEP CREVASSES ...
AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SKI ON...
IT'S SAID SHE RESIDES WITHIN THIS VERY MOUNTAIN, USUALLY SLEEPING ENCASED IN ICE
THIS MOUN-TAIN...
WHICH IS WHY I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A NICE CHALLENGE FOR GUYS LIKE US
THAT'S WHY I CON-TACTED YOU.


BRR... EVEN WE CAN'T WITHSTAND A STORM LIKE THIS!
JOE, LOOK! A CASTLE!
OH NO!
A BLIZ-ZARD!
TCH! I'VE HEARD THAT MOUNTAIN WEATHER CAN CHANGE QUICKLY. BUT...
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

THANK GOD!
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING HERE.
WE'LL ASK THEM TO LET US TAKE SHELTER.
WHO'S THERE?!
BE QUIET... THAT'S ENOUGH, ANDROMEDA!

HELLO...
WE WERE OUT SKIING AND..
WE GOT CAUGHT IN THIS SNOW STORM.
WAIT THERE...
I'LL ASK MY FATHER.
MIGHT YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO PUT US UP UNTIL IT BLOWS OVER?
OH, PAPA!
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
HUH?


WHAT REASONS COULD YOU HAVE?
BUT...
WHY NOT?
I'M SORRY
BUT, I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO STAY HERE.
I OVERHEARD YOU TALKING.
PAPA?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
NONE IN PARTICULAR SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT OUTSIDERS ARE NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THIS CASTLE.
BUT...
IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT PLEASE TAKE YOU LEAVE.
AH!
AHHHH!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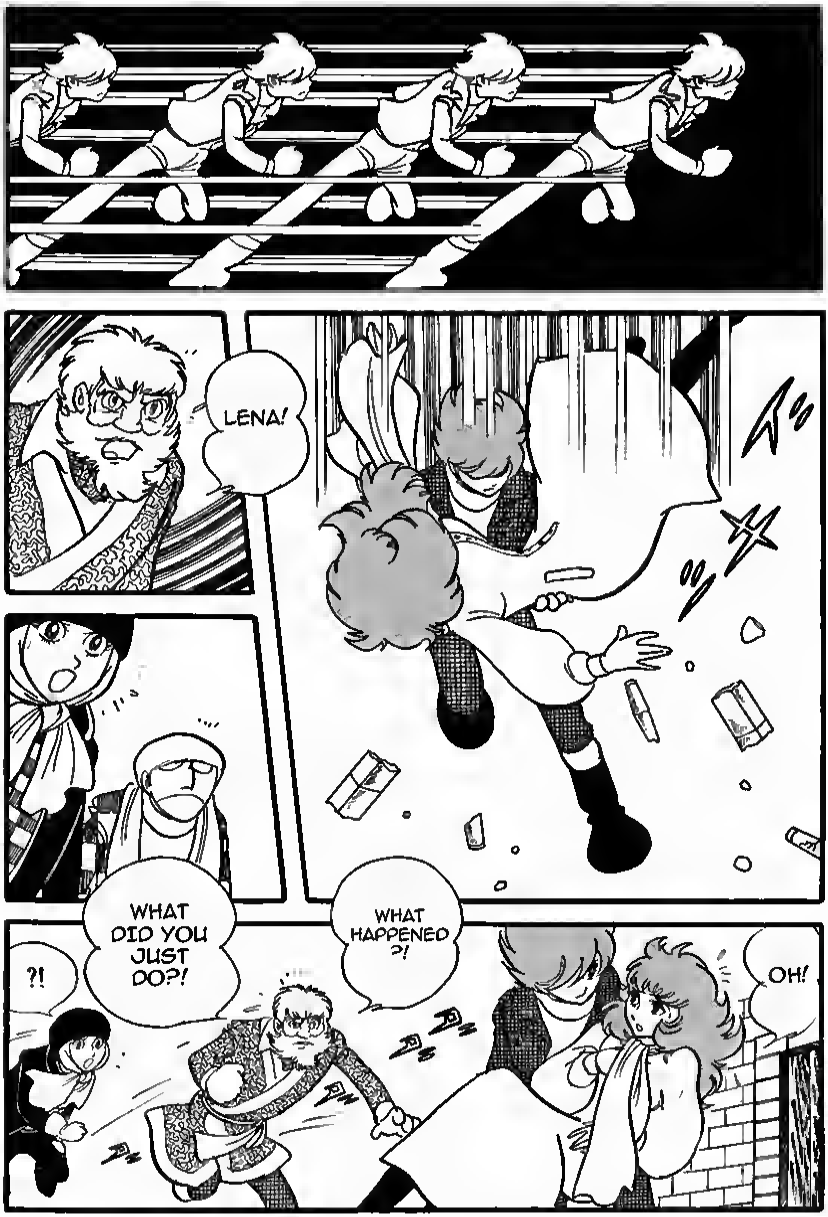
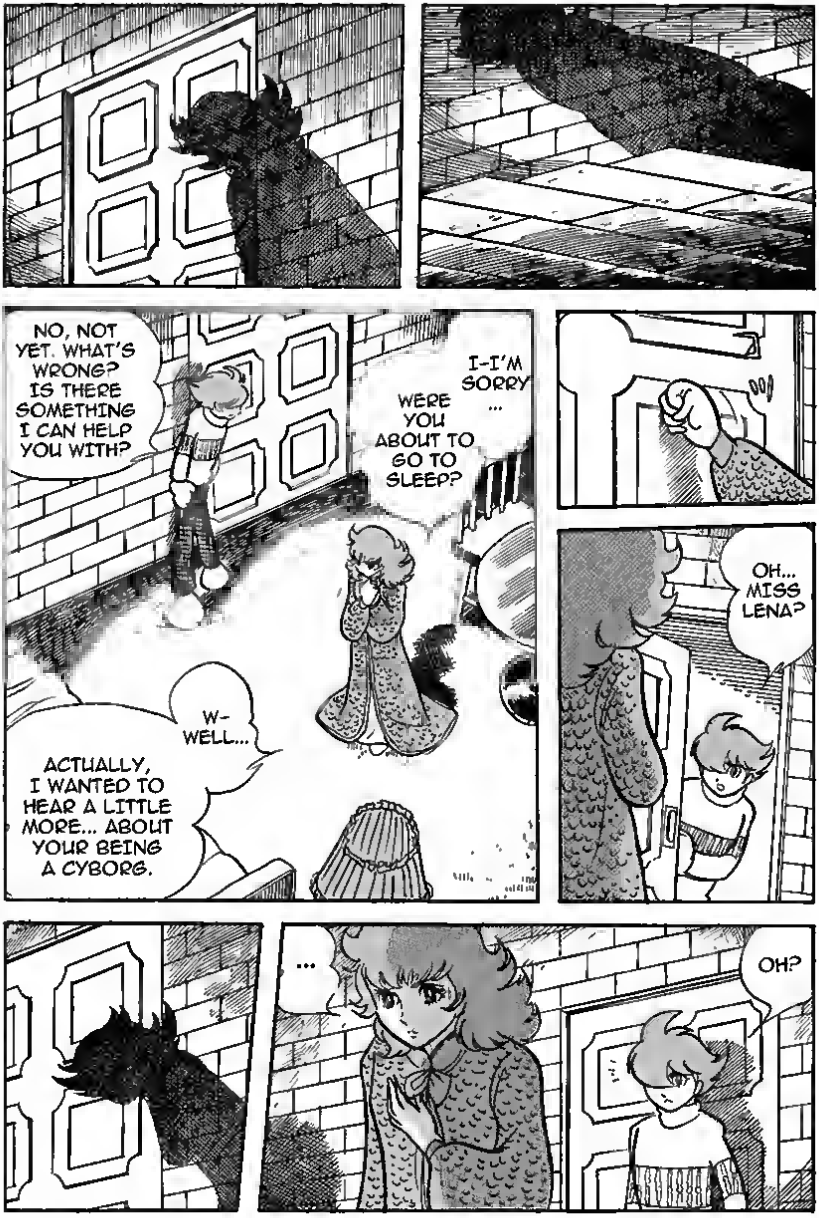

LENA!
WHAT DID YOU JUST DO?!
?!
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
OH!

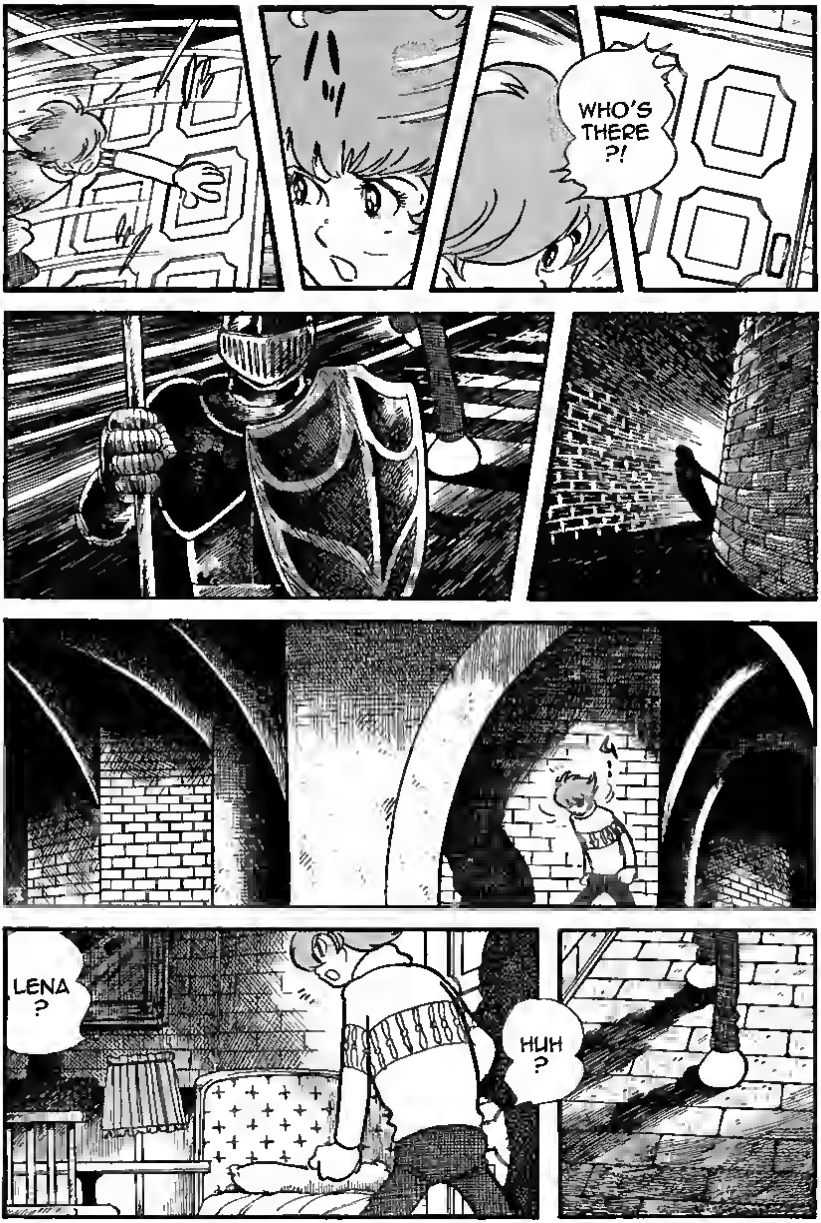
THAT WAS MY ACCELERATION SWITCH AT WORK
ACTUALLY, WE'RE BOTH...
CYBORGS!
...
...
GRIN
CYBORGS?!

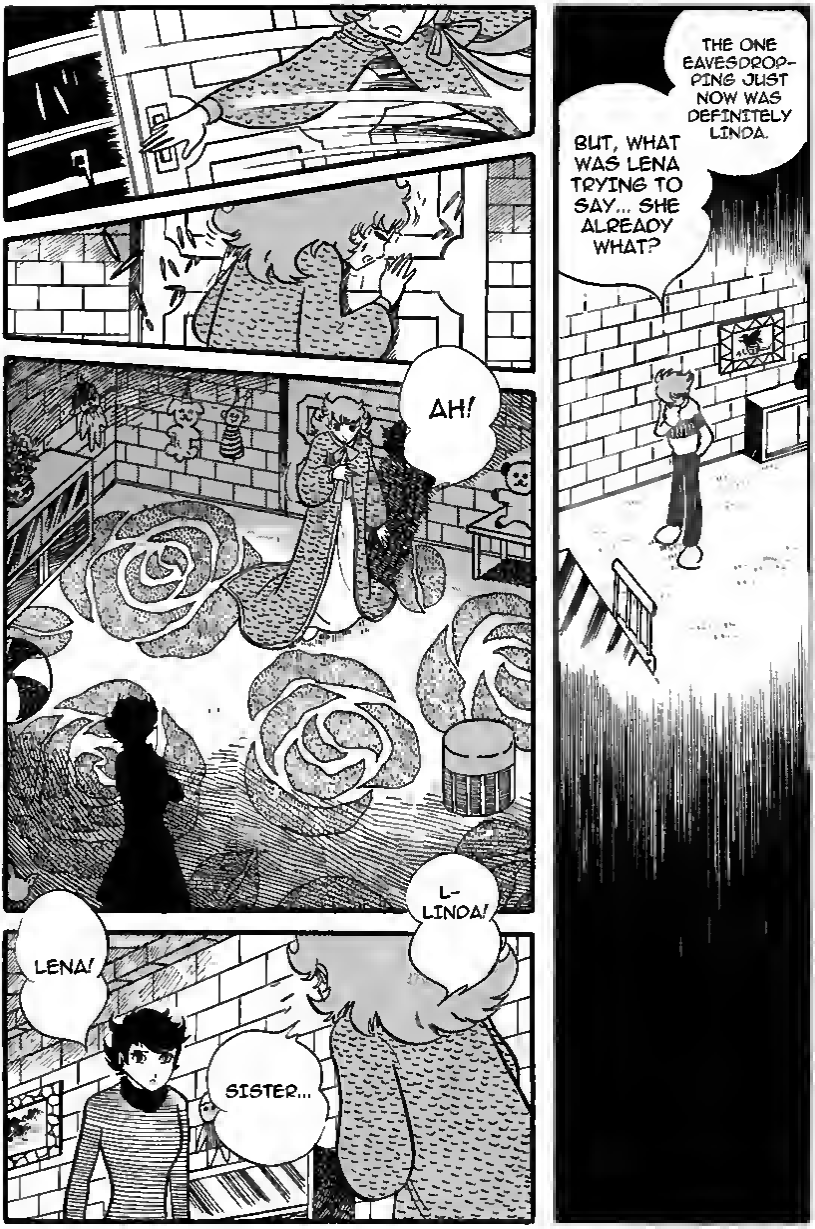
YES, WE'RE CYBORGS WHICH MEANS...
WHICH GREATLY ENHANCE OUR STRENGTH AND SPEED.
WITH MAN-MADE PARTS..
NEARLY ALL OF OUR INTERNAL ORGANS HAVE BEEN REPLACED.
...
MY ACCELERATION SWITCH IS ONE SUCH MECHANISM. IT ALLOWED ME TO MOVE AT A FASTER RATE THAN THE ONE AT WHICH MISS LENA WAS FALLING.
HALF-HUMAN, HALF-MACHINE, AND TRUST ME, IT'S NOT HALF AS FUN AS IT SOUNDS.

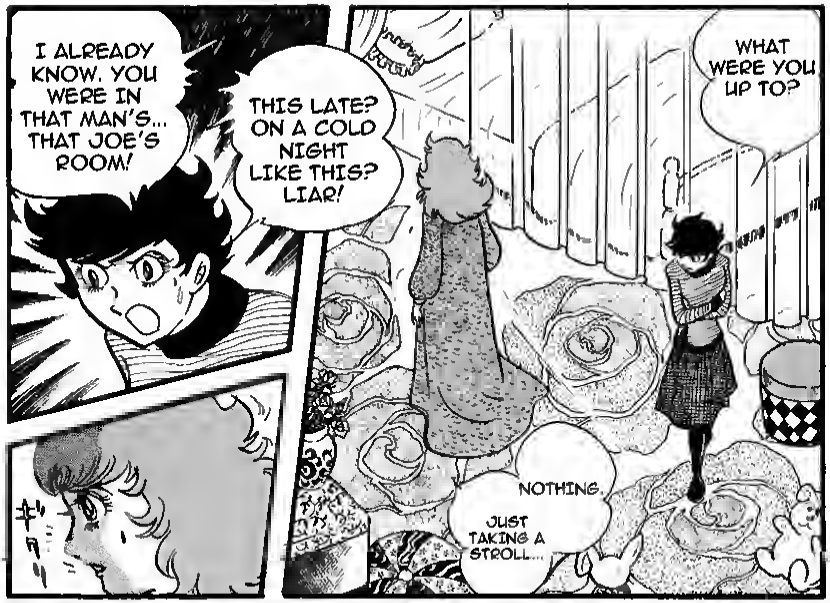
IF ANYTHING, IT'S ONLY GETTING WORSE.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S CLEARING UP AT ALL OUT THERE.
I OWE YOU MY LIFE AFTER ALL.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU STAY AND HAVE DINNER WITH US? MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME!

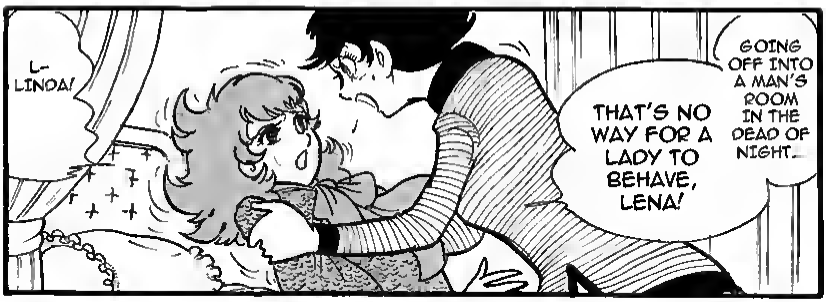

NO, NOT YET. WHAT'S WRONG? IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH?
I-I'M SORRY ... WERE YOU ABOUT TO GO TO SLEEP?
W-WELL... ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO HEAR A LITTLE MORE... ABOUT YOUR BEING A CYBORG.
OH... MISS LENA?
...
OH?

LENA...
DON'T TELL ME...
HA HA HA
THINKING IT WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE TO RECUPERATE.
THAT'S WHY PAPA BOUGHT THIS CASTLE,
BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU'RE THINKING OF BECOMING A CYBORG YOURSELF NOW, ARE YOU?
...
UNLIKE MY OLDER SISTER, LINDA, I'VE BEEN IN POOR HEALTH AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER...
HUH ?!
THE TRUTH IS... I'VE ALREADY...!
N-NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
EH?!


WHO'S THERE ?!
LENA ?
HUH ?


THE ONE EAVESDROPPING JUST NOW WAS DEFINITELY LINDA.
BUT, WHAT WAS LENA TRYING TO SAY... SHE ALREADY WHAT?
AH!
L-LINDA!
LENA!
SISTER...


I ALREADY KNOW. YOU WERE IN THAT MAN'S... THAT JOE'S ROOM!
THIS LATE? ON A COLD NIGHT LIKE THIS? LIAR!
WHAT WERE YOU UP TO?
NOTHING. JUST TAKING A STROLL...

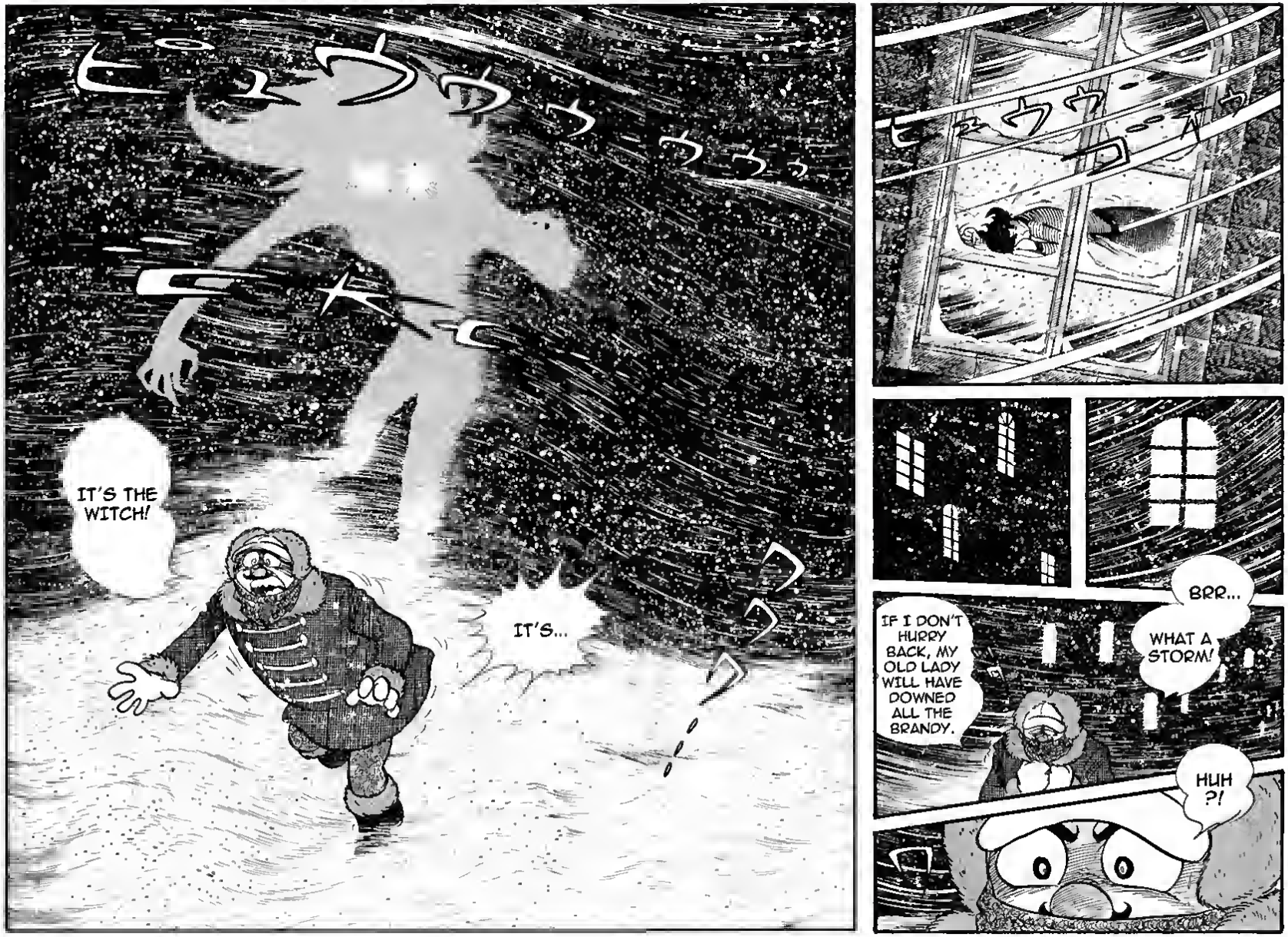

L- LINDA!
THAT'S NO WAY FOR A LADY TO BEHAVE, LENA!
GOING OFF INTO A MAN'S ROOM IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT...

S- STOP IT LINDA!
OH, LENA... LENA, FOR YOU I'D DO ANYTHING!

T-THAT'S WHY, ISN'T IT?!
LENA, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE SEEN ANY MEN SINCE WE CAME TO THIS CASTLE...
NO, LINDA, YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG!
IS THAT WHY?!
IS IT BECAUSE OF THAT MAN!
LINDA!
DAMN IT!
HMM...

NOTHING, REALLY
AND TO WHAT DO I OWE THE PLEASURE?
YOU'RE LINDA, RIGHT?
HEY!
S-SO, I...
WE RARELY HAVE MALE GUESTS...
JUST, UM... OTHER THAN PAPA, IT'S ONLY US TWO GIRLS HERE.
HEH HEH. A BIT BRAZEN, AREN'T YOU?
QUITE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR SISTER, LENA.
LENA!
STOP THAT!

I'M AFRAID I'M NOT MUCH FOR THE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH.
CALM DOWN, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME THAT YOU PREFER HER TO ME?!
LENA, LENA, LENA!
YOUNG LADY.
ARE WE CLEAR.
I DON'T THINK YOU'D BE MUCH FOR THIS INHUMAN BODY, EITHER.
BESIDES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IT'S THE WITCH!
IT'S...
BRR...
WHAT A STORM!
IF I DON'T HURRY BACK, MY OLD LADY WILL HAVE DOWNED ALL THE BRANDY.
HUH ?!

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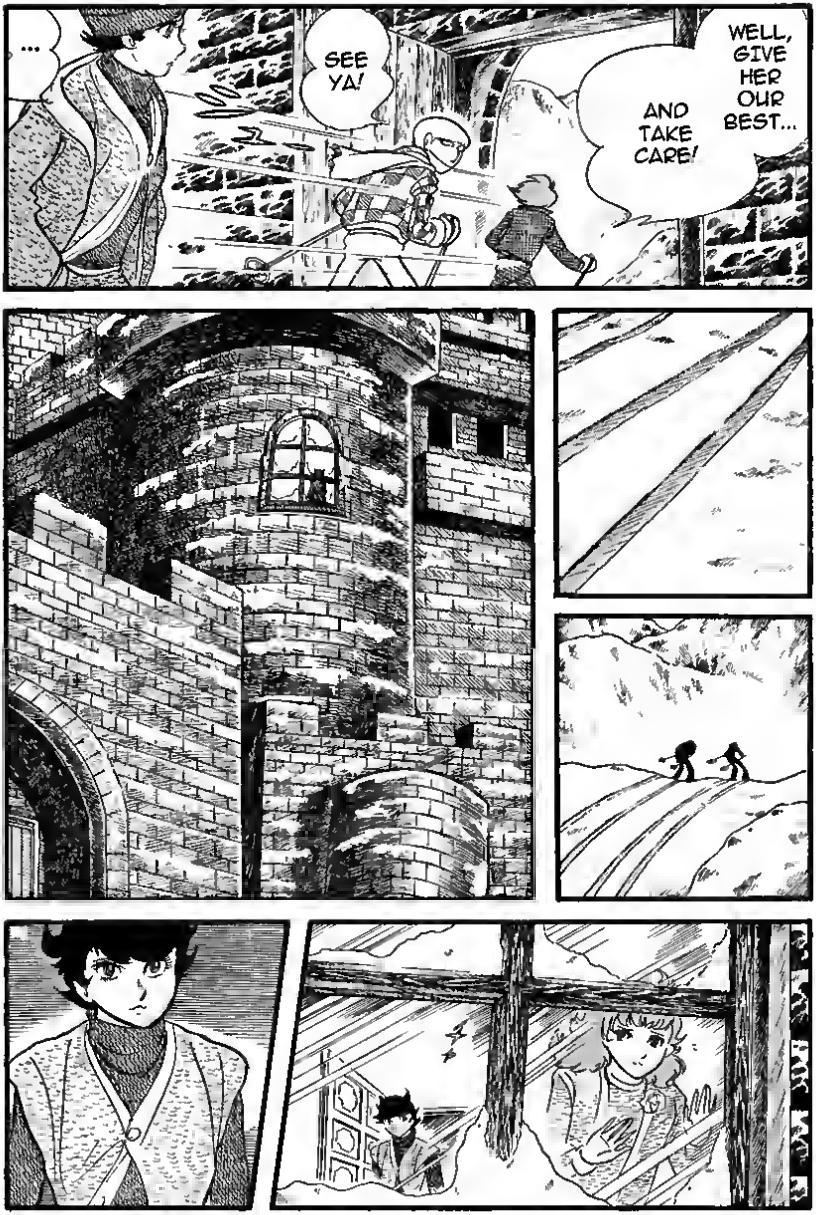
AH!
W-WHAT A NIGHT-MARE!
BLOOD ON MY HANDS... AGAIN?!
AGAIN!

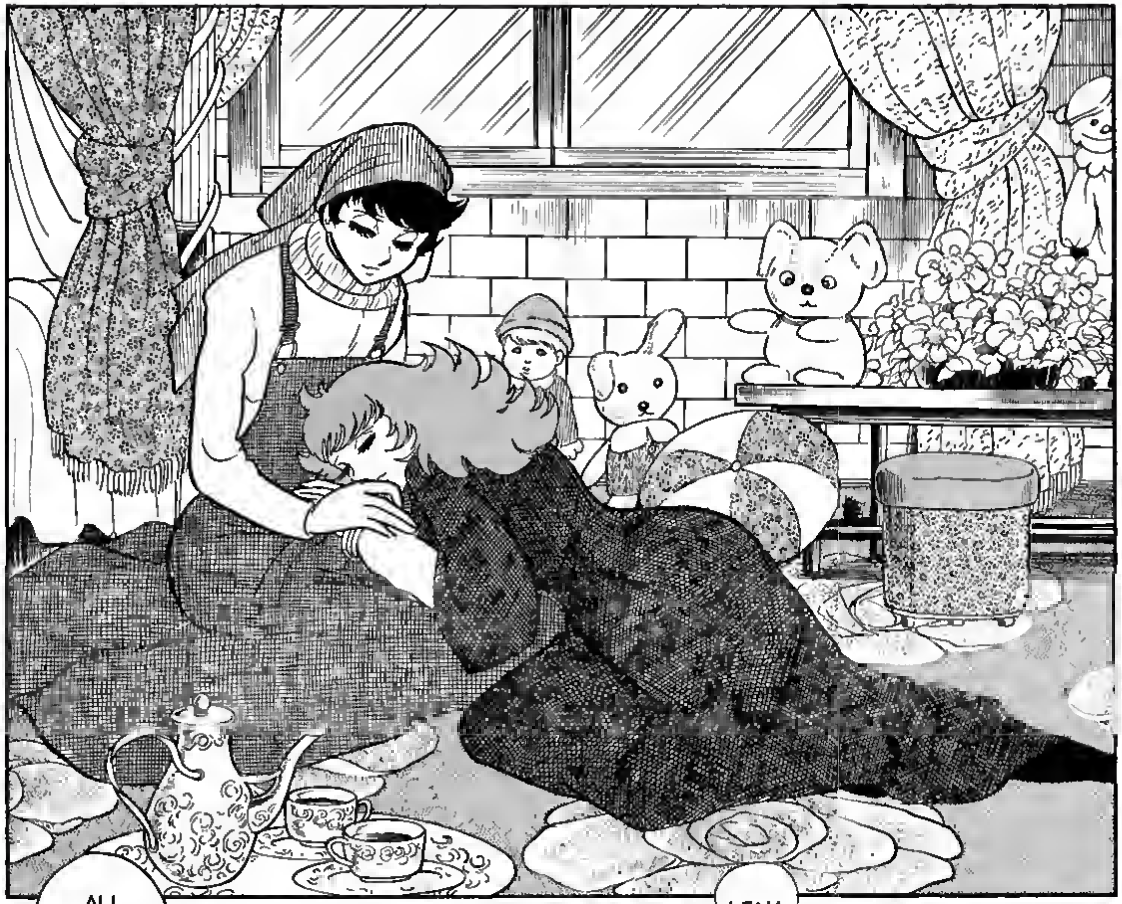
I BEG YOU... SAVE ME!
OH... OHHH... GOD... GOD!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.
I SEE ...
THE SHOCK OF ALMOST FALLING OFF THE BALCONY LAST NIGHT HAS LEFT HER BED-RIDDEN, THAT'S ALL.
THAT GIRL HAS A VERY WEAK CONSTI-TUTION!
WHERE'S LENA?


...
SEE YA!
AND TAKE CARE!
WELL, GIVE HER OUR BEST...

I KNOW LENA, I KNOW.
S-SISTER... MY SISTER!
YOU BELONG TO ME
LINDA AND LENA...
THE MOST ECCENTRIC PAIR OF SISTERS I EVER SAW.

LENA. SHE CONCERNS ME
THE TOWN'S IN A FRENZY OVER ANOTHER ATTACK BY THE SNOW WITCH
HEH... AND AS SOON AS WE GET BACK, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
I BET YOU THINK SHE'S THE WITCH, DON'T YOU?
LET ME GUESS ...
BUT SHE GOT CUT OFF
SHE TRIED TO TELL ME SOMETHING LAST NIGHT...
WHY?
THE ONLY WAY A GIRL LIKE HER COULD COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, WOULD BE IF SHE REALLY WERE A WITCH. OR...
BUT COME ON!
LIKE I SAID, JUST A GUESS. FROM THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE...
ALBERT ...
HOW DID YOU...?

AND... PERHAPS ALSO THE WITCH!
IF SHE WERE LIKE US
THAT'S IT!
SHE MAY BE A CYBORG!
I HEARD THE WITCH'S VICTIMS...
HAD THEIR HEADS TAKEN OFF IN ONE FELL SWOOP!
THAT KIND OF INHUMAN STRENGTH

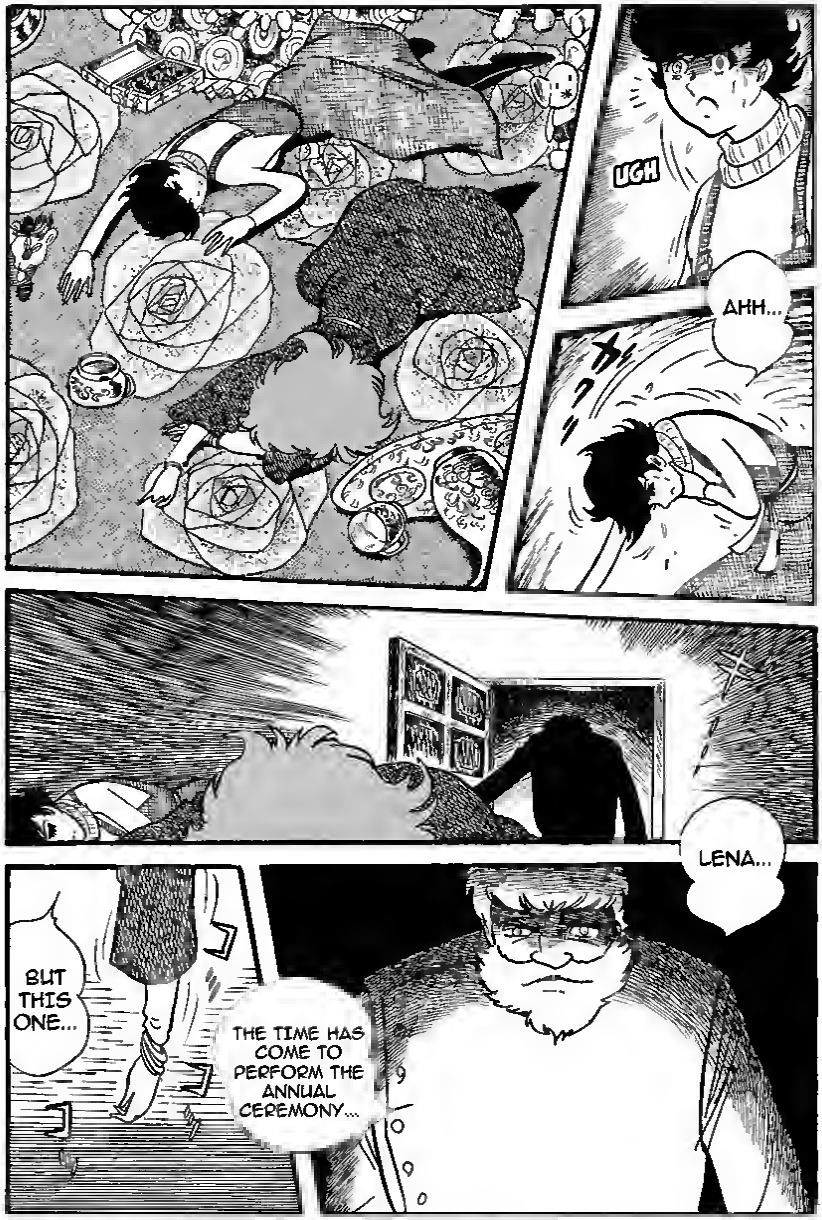


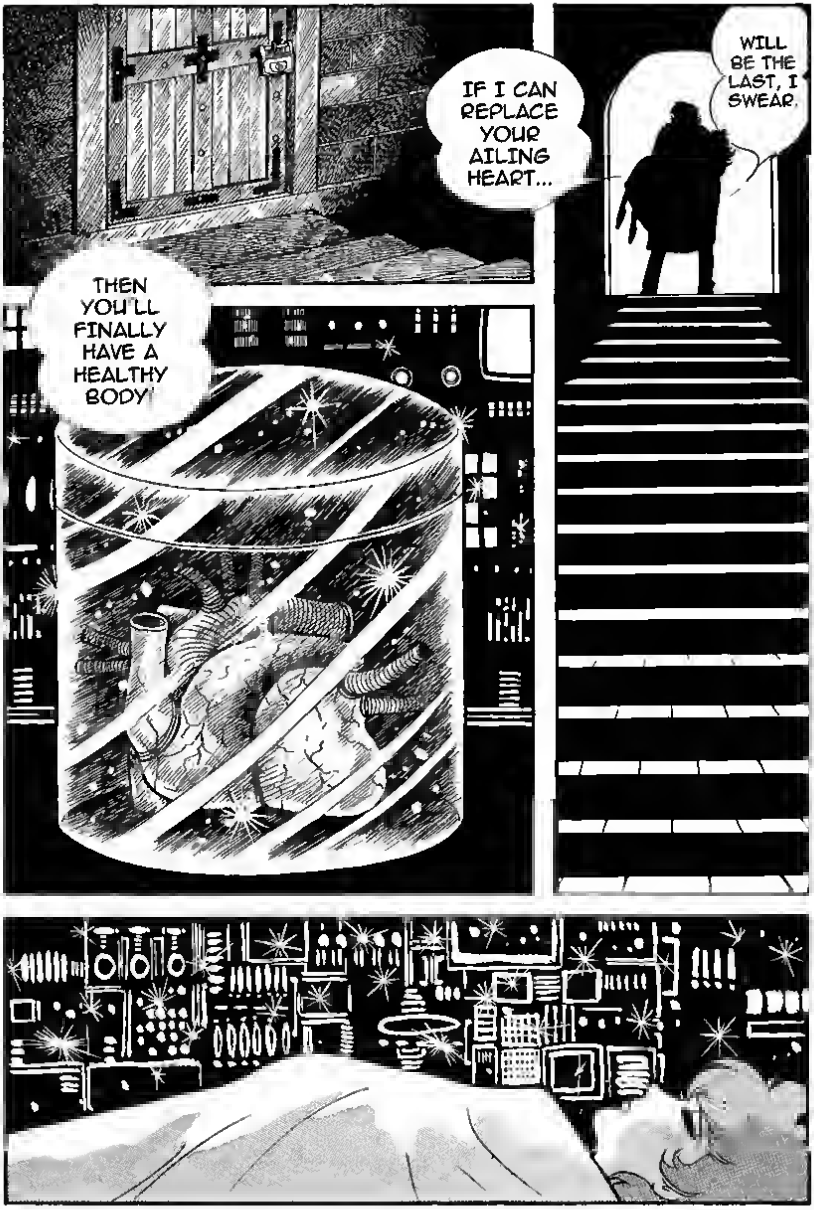
ALL OVER THE WORLD!
LET'S GO ON A JOURNEY...
ONCE YOU'RE WELL...
LENA ...

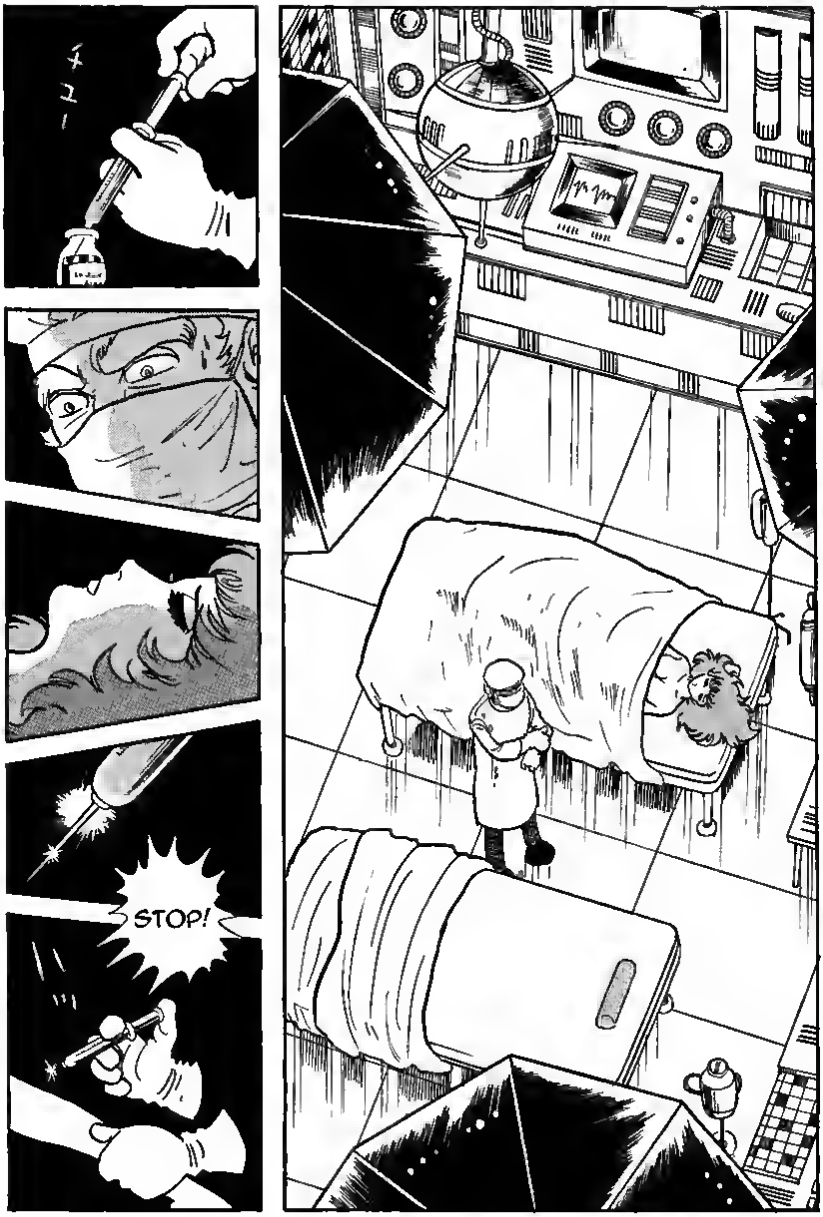
WELL, THERE'S JUST ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.
COULD ONLY BELONG TO A CYBORG.

HE CAN WATCH THE HOUSE.
PAPA?
WE'LL GO TO ALL THE COUNTRIES
MEET DIFFERENT PEOPLE..
SEE DIFFERENT THINGS, JUST THE TWO OF US!
JUST THE TWO OF US?
WHAT ABOUT PAPA?
BUT... THEN HE WOULD GET LONELY!
SO, LET HIM!
HMPH
WHEN HE'S SUFFERED SO MUCH FOR OUR SAKE!
LINDA! HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
OUR SAKE?!
YOU MEAN YOUR SAKE!
PAPA LOVES LENA... ONLY YOU!
L- LINDA!
HOW ◊ CRUEL...
PAPA LOVES YOU TOO! I KNOW HE DOES!

LET'S NOT FIGHT, NOT WHEN WE WERE GETTING ALONG SO WELL.
I'M SORRY, LENA.
FINE, THEN. PAPA CAN COME TOO.
YES...
SISTER ...
LENA ?!


UGH
AHH...
LENA...
THE TIME HAS COME TO PERFORM THE ANNUAL CEREMONY...
BUT THIS ONE...


IF I CAN REPLACE YOUR AILING HEART...
WILL BE THE LAST, I SWEAR.
THEN YOU'LL FINALLY HAVE A HEALTHY BODY!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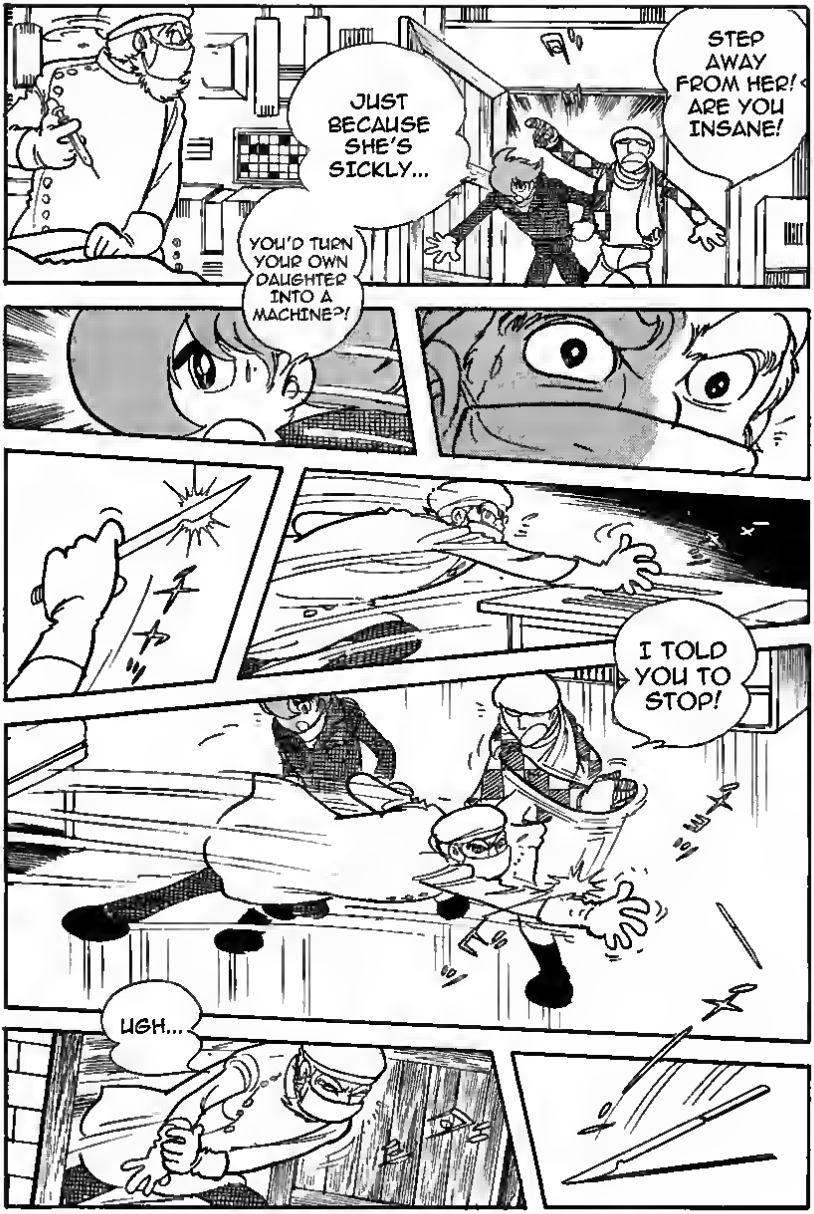
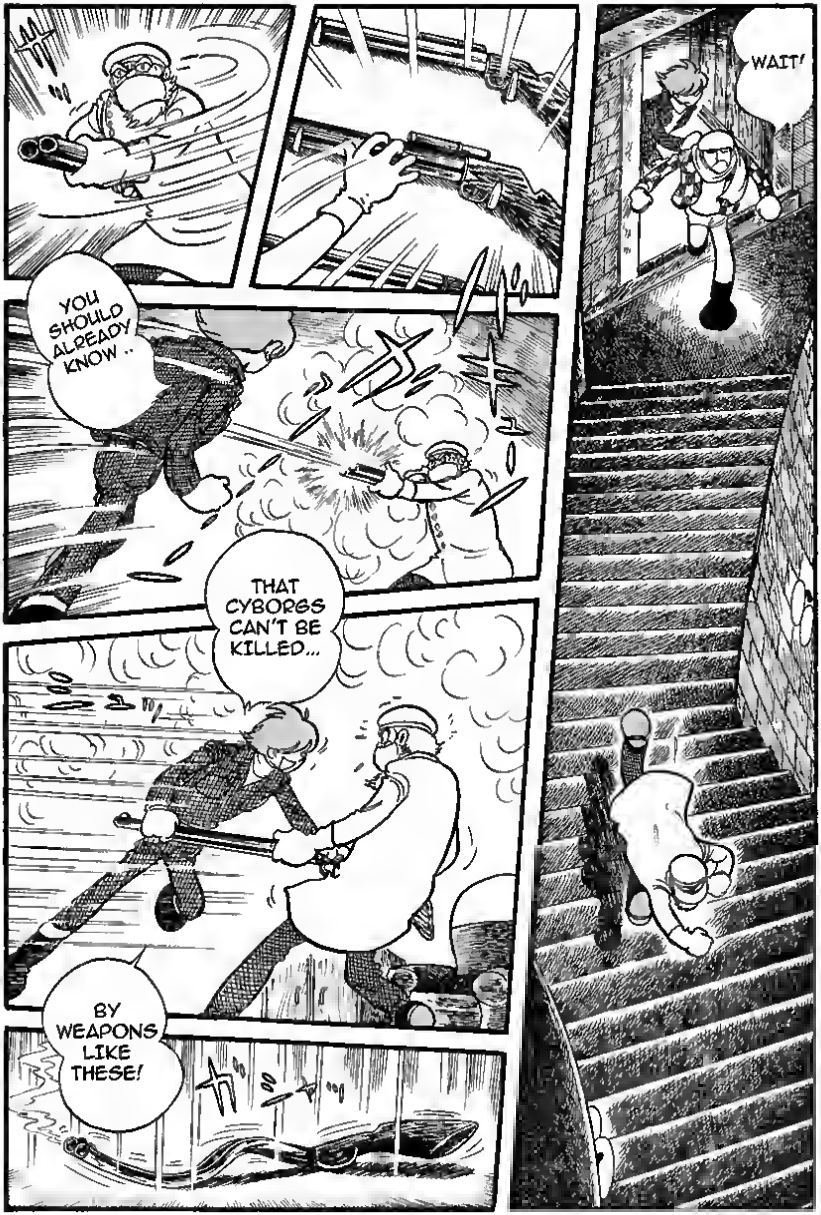
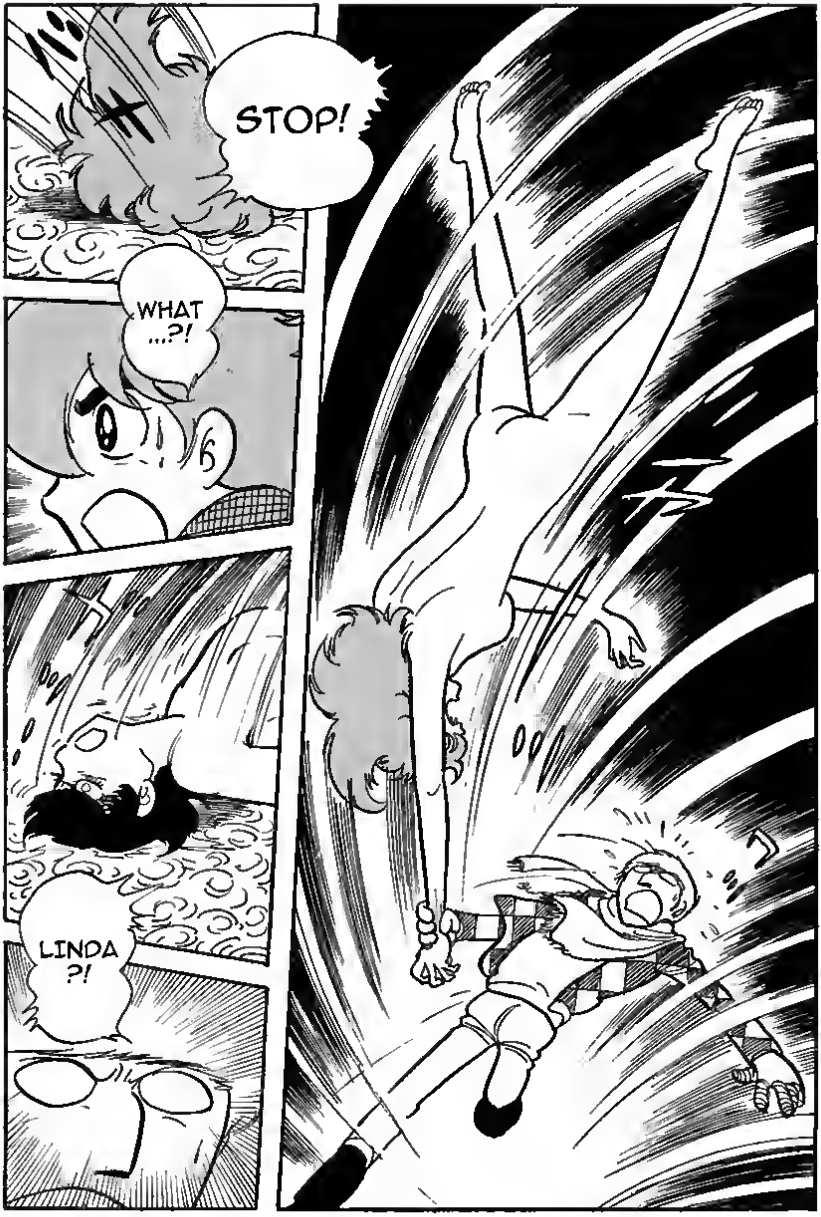

JUST BECAUSE SHE'S SICKLY...
STEP AWAY FROM HER! ARE YOU INSANE!
YOU'D TURN YOUR OWN DAUGHTER INTO A MACHINE?!
I TOLD YOU TO STOP!
UGH...

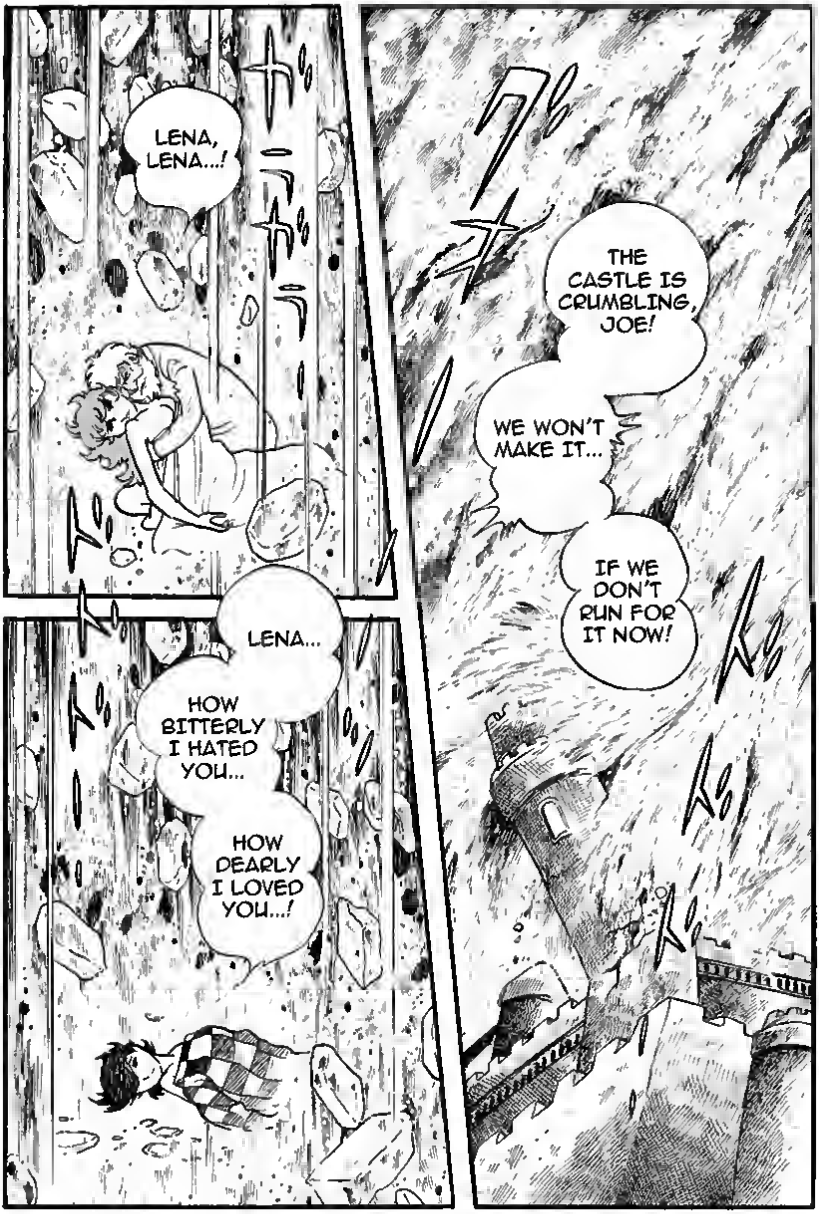

WAIT!
YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW ..
THAT CYBORGS CAN'T BE KILLED...
BY WEAPONS LIKE THESE!

NO MATTER WHAT IT TOOK... I WANTED HER TO LIVE!
L-LENA IS MY DARLING DAUGHTER!
SHE'S BEEN DEATHLY ILL SINCE BIRTH!
AHH ...
AND EXCHANGED THEM ALL FOR...
FOR...!
THAT'S WHY I CREATED THOSE ORGANS.
LENA ?!


STOP!
WHAT ...?!
LINDA ?!

MY LUNGS...
MY STOMACH ...
I KNEW THAT MY BODY... WAS FOR LENA...
I KNEW... WHAT WAS BEING DONE TO ME... RIGHT FROM THE START...!
AND... AND THE WITCH?!
LINDA ?!
YOU WERE THE CYBORG?!
EVEN MY BLOOD... ALL FOR HER...!
WHAT ?!
AND IN THAT STATE...
BUT AS MORE OF ME BECAME MACHINE, A PART OF ME WOULD REMAIN AWAKE...
HE'D SLIP IT INTO OUR FOOD AND DRINK...
MY HEAD...
WOULD GET FUZZY AND I'D START KILLING PEOPLE AND END UP COVERED IN THEIR BLOOD.
...
A-AND IN THEIR PLACE... ROBOTIC PARTS... IN MY BODY... I KNEW!
EVERY TWO OR THREE DAYS...
BEFORE THE OPERATION... PAPA WOULD BEGIN DRUGGING US...

I WOULD WIPE THE BLOOD OFF MY HANDS ALL OVER HER SHEETS... MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT'S HER FAULT..
T-THAT'S WHY...
LENA... BELONGS TO ME!
I HATE LENA!
B-BUT I LOVE HER TOO...
RAISED TO ADULTHOOD... TO INSURE LENA'S SURVIVAL...
YOU POOR GIRL... HOW CRUEL!
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE BOTH HIS CHILDREN!
W-
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?!
AN AVALANCHE!
THE GUNSHOT FROM BEFORE MUST HAVE SET IT OFF!
LENA?!
N-NO, I WAS... AN ORPHAN...
ADOPTED WHEN I WAS YOUNG...
FOR THIS PURPOSE ALON


LENA, LENA...!
THE CASTLE IS CRUMBLING, JOE!
WE WON'T MAKE IT...
IF WE DON'T RUN FOR IT NOW!
LENA...
HOW BITTERLY I HATED YOU...
HOW DEARLY I LOVED YOU...!

LENA... MY BODY!

NOT ONCE IN THEIR SHORT LIVES...
DID THOSE GIRLS EVER GET TO SEE THIS SNOW CARNIVAL...